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TAYLOR'S BEST SHOT.

A Virginia Patriarch Tells How he Won a Blue Ridge Belle.

James Taylor was born in the neighborhood of Tye River Mills in 1805. He never swore an oath, never tasted intoxicating liquors, never chewed tobacco, but is an inveterate smoker. He never rode on a steamboat or railway train, and has not been three miles from home since 1861. He was the father of five children, three boys and two girls. Both daughters are dead. Two of his sons were killed in the Confederate and the other in the Union service. He listened with the profoundest interest to the story of Bogardus and Carver, and with a smile he shrugged his shoulders, saying:

"Thar, strangers, you're comin' to the pint now. Why, when I was young," and he stopped to think; "when I was a young man about 20, I guess, I could outshoot any man in the valley. We used to swing an apple on a string, an' mountin' our horses, gallop like mad and fire at it. I could hit it every time. I could knock an apple off a post nine times out'n ten fifty yards away, an' I could take the bill off a bird in a tree as clear as a whistle an' never disturb a feather. That's a fact."

"What do you regard as the most skilful shot you ever made?" we asked.

"You mean the best one I ever made: yes, an' I mought say the happiest o' my life."

We nodded in the affirmative.

"Well, strangers," he began, "I'll tell you all about it. It war years ago, though; I was twenty-one, then, an' but few people lived hereabouts, an' what did war a good ways apart. Down in the tother end o' the valley lived John Angleford, who had a darter, an' I loved her like mad, but, some way or other, she didn't kinder want to hitch to me. About three miles away lived another man who had a son, an' she tuk to that boy. This made me kind of jealous like, an' him an' me used to fight often. But I didn't give in; I'd made up my mind to git that gal ef I could. One day, in the fall o' the year—I'll never forgit that day—I shouldered 'Old Faithful,' that's my musket, an' went up inter the mountains to see what kind of game was abroad. Well, I reckon I'd been trudgin' around in the thicket for nigh on to three hours, without seein' of a thing, when all of a sudden I heard a scream that almost friz my blood. I heard it agin, and I knowed it war a woman's holler, so I jes' cocks 'Old Faithful' an' starts through the bushes. But afore I got to the openin' I heard horses' hoofs a-clanking an' a-clatterin' over the stones. I hurried right on to the openin', an' thar I seed what it war all about. I seed it at a glance. Old Angleford's horse whas a-tearin' along like as if the old boy war arter' him, an' thar war Sary Jane, her face as white as chalk, a-clingin' to his back for dear life, an' right betwix' her an' the horse's head, his claws driv into the flesh of the horse's neck, a-tryin' to reach the gal, war the biggest catamount I ever seed.

"'Your time's come, John,' says I to myself. 'Steady, now; aim right, an' you'll win the gal.' Jes' as that ar hoss with the screamin' gal got opposite to me I blazed away for the catamount's head. I knew it war life or death to one of the three on 'em: but I didn't miscalculate; I never did. The load went into that ar catamount's head, an' he rolled over dead on the ground; the hoss stumbled, an' as he disappeared over the precipice I cotched the faintin' gal in my arms an' hurried down the road with her to her home. For a long time she had a ragin' fever, and kept a-callin': 'Is he come? Is he come?' Nobody could tell what it meant. You see, men them days would go off an' stay for days a-huntin', so the absence o' old Struthers's boy didn't make anybody think strange. Well, one day she cum to, an' the first thing she axed about war if Al Struthers had cum home. Thinks I, thar's somethin' quar—somethin' wrong about this, so I'll see. I shouldered 'Old Faithful' an' started out. Away up war the catamount had jumped on Sary Jane's hoss I found him—ugh! what a sight I seed. Thar he war, stark dead, a-stickin' on an oak limb, that had gone clar through his body, an' his hoss war dead, away down on the sharp-pointed rocks below. We giv the poor fellow decent burial, The only way I could account for his death war that Sary Jane's screamin' frightened his hoss, an' runnin' in among the trees he got caught on the sharp pint o' the low-down limb."

Here he reilled his pipe, and said: "Come in, strangers, an' I'll show you suthin'."

We followed him into the cabin.

"This are Old Faithful," he said, taking down an ancient-looking gun from the rack and patting it affectionately, "what done the business for me. An' this," he continued, unrolling a musty looking parcel, "ar the skin o' the tarnal varmint that brought about the happy change in Sary Jane, an' thar," pointing to a white-haired old lady who sat rocking and smiling in a corner of the room, "am the old gal herself."

Relieving His Mind of a Burden.

Minister (to deacon of the church)—"I want to refer to a matter, my dear deacon, that has been preying on my mind for some time. I am sure you will overlook any apparent meddling in your affairs, knowing that I only speak for your own good."

Deacon (cordially)—"Certainly, my dear sir; speak your mind freely."

Minister—"I understand that you have been speculating a good deal of late. Now, aside from the danger of such a business and the consequent misery it may entail upon your family, do you consider it just the proper thing for a deacon of the——"

Deacon—"Yes, I admit that I have speculated home. I cleared $5,000 only yesterday on a wheat transaction.

Minister (astounded)—"No, is that so? What's wheat worth to-day?—*Drake's Magazine.*

Two Wishes.

"I wish I were a daisy, a daisy; I wish I were a daisy, a daisy, daisy, oh!" sang a young Wall street broker with a high tenor voice."

"I wish I were a cow, a cow; "I wish I were a cow, a cow, moo-oo-o!" bawled a big, fat banker, in a stentorian tone.

"Don't you like my singing?" asked the tenor warbler.

"Certainly; that's the reason I wish I were a cow."

"Why?"

"So I could chew your head off if you were a daisy."

It's the little rift within the lute that often makes the music music.—*New York Journal.*

Paper Bags.

How often we throw them away when emptied of their contents. If there is a box or bag for them in the kitchen, where we can put them as soon as emptied, we can use them in various ways. They are handy to cover the lamp chimney after it is cleaned, to keep off flies and dust; handy to lay over the top of bread or cake in the oven when baking too fast; handy to cover the glass jars of canned fruit when set on the closet shelves; slip over the jars like a cup; this keeps the fruit from turning dark.

Tit for Tat.

Alumnus (meeting his old professor, after a meeting). "I'm glad to hear, professor, that you are going to lecture in our town on a very appropriate old-time topic."

Professor—"Yes, yes. But I have diverted it from its pedagogic—in fact, recast it—so that it will reach persons of very limited acquirements. Hope to see you there."

AERONAUTICAL ADVENTURES.

Anecdotes of Successful Balloonists—Some Amusing Stories.

One of the most successful aeronauts ever known in this country was Louis A. Lauriat. He was a Frenchman by birth, but a resident of Boston. He was a gold-beater by trade, and his first balloon was made of gold-beater's skin. He attempted to ascend with this and failed. On the 4th of July, 1835, however, he made a magnificent ascension from Boston After this he ascended from Providence, Castle Garden, Chelsea, East Boston, Nashua, Concord, Portland, New York, Jersey City, Hoboken, Troy, Rochester, etc. He went up twice in the British Provinces, and made two ascensions from the City of Mexico. He made in all 52 ascensions.

Mr. Lauriat went up once from Charleston, Mass., and the westerly wind carried him over Port Shirley and out to sea. For an hour and a quarter he was dragged through the water with great rapidity, and when picked up by a vessel from Wellfleet at the end of that time, was insensible. The balloon went further out to sea and was lost.

His ascension from Concord, N. H., was made at the time of the excitement regarding the great comet, which many prophesied would butt itself head foremost at terra firma and going clean through would split us into bits, or at least would give us such a brushing with that beautiful long tail of his, that when the operation was completed all the outside material of this earth of ours would be turned into polishing powder. A Yankee among the Green Mountains of Vermont, discovered a way of escaping the general devastation; he dug a hole, commencing in the cellar of his house, and extending under the ground, a regular tunnel in fact. When this was ready he watched and waited. As Lauriat ascended the wind carried him direct for the Green Mountains, and having gone far enough, as he passed over the brow of one of the mountains, he opened the valve and began to descend into the valley beyond. Seeing a man at work in a field ahead, he called to him. The man stopped work, but seeing no one, went at it again. A second time he called to him and the poor fellow looked everywhere but upwards. A third time he called and at the same moment threw over one end of a long heavy rope. The man was our over-credulous Yankee. His back was toward the balloon just at the moment when the rope caught on the top of a board fence behind him, giving a terrible r-r-r-r up that made his heart nearly jump from his body; that was enough to frighten the poor fellow to death, but when he looked up in his distracted state, and saw—the great comet, tail and all—he gave a yell and a bound, and with but one thought, save that of saving himself, his wife and child, like a locomotive under full speed, flew to his house, screaming:—"Mercy! Mercy! (that was his wife's name.) The comet's a coming! the comet's a coming! Get into the hole! get into the hole! quick! quick!" The aeronaut saw no more of him after that; he was wise in not seeking hospitality in that house: there were others that came to the balloon, however, who were able to explain the mystery concerning the poor deluded Yankee.

A good story is told of Elliot, the Baltimore aeronaut. Some years before the war he ascended from Charleston, S. C. It was a very calm day, and after remaining in the air two or three hours, just as it was getting dark he descended on one of the islands in the bay. The white folks had all gone to the city. In a cabin lay a dead negro, Dick, and around the cabin door sat half a dozen negroes. Elliot and his balloon descended noiselessly in front of them. Just before he reached the ground, the darkies caught sight of him. They stood not upon the order of their going but went at once. The anchor had reached the ground, and one of the darkies in his haste to get away, stumbled over it just as it commenced to drag. He knew at once who had got hold of him, and his piercing shrieks were truly heartrending as he cried: "Oh! oh! I'se not de niggar! Oh! massa debble! good massa debble! I'se not de niggar! Dick's in dah! Dick's in dah!" By this time he had got loose and made for the swamp.

Buying Wall Paper.

Light papers make a dark, dingy room much more cheerful; large figures make a small room look much smaller and occasions much waste in matching the figures. All low rooms should be papered with striped paper, having the stripes running up and down, as it makes the room seem much higher. Subdued tints take off the glare of too many windows. The best effect is produced by having a paper with pattern and colors of a quiet tone, such as does not at once strike the eye on coming into the room. The paper should relieve and set out the furniture that stands in front of it, not attract attention from it.

Slippers of Paper.

Paper slippers are the latest form in which paper is introduced in new inventions. An Englishman has patented a system of manufacturing slippers, sandals, and other covering for the feet out of paper. Paper pulp, or papier mache, is employed for the upper, which is molded to the desired form and size, and a sole is provided, made of paper or pasteboard, leatherboard, or other suitable paper material, which is united to the upper by means of cement, glue or other adhesive material. The upper is creased, embossed or perforated at the instep and sides, which renders them somewhat pliable, and prevents their cracking while in use.

She Knew How to Figure It.

"What is the population of the world, papa?" asked six-year-old Edith, who was making up sums for herself on a new slate.

"You must not interrupt me now, Edith," said her father, who was writing at the same table. "Go to Miss Smith," referring to her governess.

Her father was not so busy, however, but that he heard, and was amused by her saying in a low tone soon after:

"I know how I can find out myself. I'll look in the back of my geography for the United States and Europe, and then I can add Aunt Mary's baby and Aunt Jessie's baby, and that will give it to me exactly."

Had It Arranged.

"I desire you to state," he replied to the financial editor, "that this road is earning its full interest charges, and may possibly make a dividend."

"Yes, but suppose your report next month shows that you haven't even earned enough to cover running expenses?"

"That will be all right, sir. I shall then have you state that no well-informed person could have looked for a different result in this epoch of business depression."—*Wall Street News.*

Weighing a Hair.

"To number the hairs of your head is not a very difficult task," the refiner of the New York Assay office said. "A very close approximation can be made by weighing the entire amount of hair on a man's head and then weighing a single hair. The weight of the former divided by that of the latter will, of course, give the desired number. If you will pluck out a hair from your beard I can show you."

A long and straggly one was accordingly detached, the refiner putting it on a scale, which was enclosed in a glass case, and graduated with extreme accuracy With little weights of aluminium he piled up one arm, until an equipoise was reached. The hair weighed three millegrammes. "If you reduce this to figures," he said, "it would require eight thousand hairs to weigh an ounce, and supposing you have six ounces, you have 48,000 hairs."

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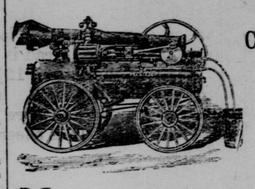

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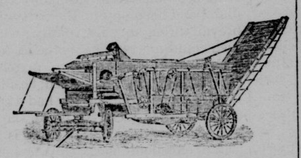

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